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TAGS: MASS, PK

SUBJECT: PAKISTAN'S M47/47 TANK MODERNIZATION PROGRAM

REF: ODRP 060726Z

1. I MUCH APPRECIATE ODRP'S THOUGHTFULNESS IN INCLUDING ODRI AS AN ADDRESSEE ON THE MESSAGE REPORTING THE SCHEDULED APRIL 29 ARRIVAL OF THE TEAM TO SURVEY PAKISTAN'S FACILITIES FOR USE IN A POSSIBLE TANK MODERNIZATION PROGRAM. I ASSUME THINGS HAVE DEVELOPED AS AMBASSADOR BYROADE PREDICTED, I.E. THAT PAKISTAN HAS GOTTEN BOWEN, MCLAUGHLIN AND YORK TO MAKE THE SURVEY FREE BUT THAT IT IS STILL DOUBTFUL PAKISTAN WILL PUT UP THE HARD CASH FOR DIESELIZATION.

2. THE MORE WE THINK ABOUT IT, THE MORE LIKELY IT SEEMS TO US THAT THE GOI WILL KNOW ABOUT THE SURVEY TEAM'S VISIT THROUGH ITS INTELLIGENCE SOURCES. THE GOI MIGHT THEN SIMPLY ASK US ABOUT THE VISIT. BUT IT MIGHT ALSO KEEP ITS INFORMATION OT ITSELF AND DRAW THE INCORRECT CONCLUSION THAT SOME LARGE-SCALE COLLABORATION ON MUNITIONS PRODUCTION IS IN THE WIND. TO HEAD THAT OFF, I WOULD LIKE TO TELL THE GOI, NOT ABOUT THE SURVEY TEAM OR ABOUT THE POSSIBLE TANK MODERNIZATION PROGRAM, BUT ABOUT THE INTERPRETATION OF OUR POLICY WHICH ALLOWS SALE OF IMPROVED VERSIONS OF SPARE PARTS FOR LETHAL EQUIPMENT ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS. I WOULD PROPOSE TO USE THE LINE WE SET FORTH IN PARA 3 OF NEW DELHI 2919,  
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MINUS THE REFERENCE TO THE TANK MODERNIZATION PROGRAM AS BEING

THE FIRST APPROVAL UNDER THE NEW INTERPRETATION OF OUR POLICY.

3. SOME APPROACH TO THE GOI IS NECESSARY IF WE ARE GOING TO MAINTAIN OUR CREDIBILITY HERE. I WANT TO BE AS FRANK WITH THE GOI ON THE ARMS ISSUE AS I CAN. IN THE PAST THIS HAS BEEN ONE OF THE HOTTEST ISSUES IN INDO-US RELATIONS, AND INDIA HAS ALWAYS BEEN PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE ABOUT ANYTHING INVOLVING PAKISTANI ARMOR. RECENTLY, THE GOI HAS GRADUALLY COME TO ACCEPT OUR SINCEREITY ON THIS ISSUE. I WOULD NOT VOLUNTEER ANYTHING TO THE GOI ABOUT THE TANK MODERNIZATION PROGRAM, BUT IF AND WHEN THE GOI GETS WIND OF THE SURVEY TEAM VISIT OR THE PROGRAM ITSELF AND ASKS ABOUT IT, I WILL FEEL ON SOUNDER GOUNDS IN SAYING WE HAD TOLD THE GOI ABOUT THE BACKGROUND OF SUCH A MOVE.  
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